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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Management Staff

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1. This memorandum presents the current DD/P position with regard to item 6 of the 1956 Manpower Survey. Item 6 concerns itself with certain propaganda projects designed for the general conditioning of public opinion. These propaganda projects may be loosely termed

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2. We have considered the question of a possible turnover of this category of projects to overt agencies. Despite the fact that it would be desirable to focus CIA endeavor (in an effort to economize on operational manpower) on projects which are entirely covert in nature, it is felt that such turnover would not be currently desirable in the case of the [REDACTED]. As was the case during the cold war "thaw", a continuing ability of the United States Government to deny intervention in the affairs of other nations, particularly nations hypersensitive to allegations of interference such as those comprising the Afro-Asian bloc, appears to be even more important during the present period. The major convulsions which are occurring within the satellite areas and in the borderlands of Russia proper, which are accompanied by allegations of U.S. interference, serve to emphasize this need. It can be assumed that continuing or increasing requirements will be laid upon CIA to conduct activity that should not bear an official U.S. stamp.

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3. Accordingly, it is recommended that the consideration of reduction in DD/P manpower not involve consideration of transfer of the [REDACTED] programs at this time. We will maintain appropriate review of such programs, the political environment in which they operate, and manpower limitations with view to economizing when and where it is shown feasible.

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